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In re Patent Application of:)
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For: FILM FORMING METHOD AND)
FILM FORMING APPARATUS)

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

VIA HAND CARRY

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **June 29, 2000**, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 51-57 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims as follows.

23. (Amended) A film forming method comprising:
supplying [a] hydrogen gas into a chamber;
supplying radio frequency energy in said chamber to generate plasma from said hydrogen gas by radio frequency discharge;

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